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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Tim T. Vo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/31/01; 11/06/01; 7/17/03; 1/26/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

This application has been examined. Claims 17-24 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Oprescu et al. patent 5,483,656.

As for claims 17 and 21, Oprescu teaches a power manager for controlling power consumption of an electric circuit which includes a plurality of circuit blocks controlled by a controller (see figure 1, power manager 50 and column 5 lines 31 -38), comprising: status monitoring means for monitoring operating status of each circuit block (see figure 2 and column 5 lines 39-41); adding means for summing power consumed by each circuit block in the operating state (see figure 2 and column 7 line 61 to column 8 line 13); and notification means for comparing summed power with a predetermined

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threshold value and, if the summed power exceeds the threshold value, so notifying the controller (see figure 2 and column 8 line 14 to column 9 line 26).

As for claims 18 and 22, Oprescu teaches notification means has a plurality of mutually different values as threshold values and performs notification in dependence upon results of comparison with each of these threshold values (see figure 2, steps 104 -108 and column 2 lines 20 -67).

As for claims 19 and 23, Oprescu teaches timekeeping means for measuring elapsed time, wherein if a predetermined period of time elapses without any change in the operating state of each block after said notification means performs notification, said notification means performs notification again (see column 6 lines 60 -67).

As for claims 20 and 24, Oprescu teaches wherein the threshold value is rewritten by said controller (see column 5 lines 20 -38).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim T. Vo whose telephone number is 571-272-3642.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached on 571-272-3672. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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